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Re: Ex Parte Communication, GN Docket No. 09-51

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On May 12, 2010, Doug Van Houweling, CEO of Internet2, Gary Bachula, Vice President for External Relations for Internet2, Joanne Hovis, President-Elect of the NATOA Board of Directors, Jim Smith, representing National LambdaRail, and the undersigned, on behalf of Internet2, met with Commissioner Clyburn and Angela Kronenberg. During the meeting we discussed the importance of, and steps that may be taken to help ensure, the implementation of Recommendation 8.22 of the National Broadband Plan.

Recommendation 8.22 concerns the development of an institutional framework that will help anchor institutions throughout the U.S obtain the broadband connectivity, training, applications and services they need. In this regard, we discussed (i) ensuring that the broadband needs of anchor institutions are accurately determined (e.g., mapping); (ii) ensuring that those needs are met, not only with respect to receiving sufficient connectivity, but also with respect to obtaining the necessary training, applications and services so that they can maximize the benefits from such connectivity; (iii) ensuring that funding is in place to support this effort; (iv) the importance of modifying or preempting laws to the extent necessary to ensure that networks can be used for multiple purposes and that anchor institutions can be served by non-profit or municipal networks if they so desire; and (v) determining the appropriate structure for an entity that may be formed to assist and help direct these efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



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